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Orokaiva Coffee-Grower Society, a producers' co-operative formed for the purpose.

The Council is made up of twenty-six Orokaiva members who are paid a monthly stipend. However, in practice a government adviser attached to the Council appears to determine policy. Indigenous attitudes to the Council are analysed in detail in Schwimmer 1967. Together with the Coffee Society, it has offered the Orokaiva some political participation and the importance of this new departure is vividly recognised by the people.

The New Age. Since the Second World War, a great many ideas from the outside world have been communicated to the Orokaiva. I have already mentioned economic, and some political ideas; in addition, the Anglican mission began to attract many converts, especially after the Mount Lamington disaster. By 1964, the great majority of Orokaiva were baptised.

The establishment of the House of Assembly in Port Moresby, giving limited powers of political decision to Papuan representatives elected by universal suffrage, has introduced new patterns in village life: meetings with the local member, with other candidates, and with organisers acting for these candidates and presenting political argument. The personnel of the local government council tends to be deeply committed in national politics and to talk about political affairs when visiting villages.

During such discussions, the Orokaiva are beginning to learn that an end to Australian rule is conceivable and that they will have some voice in decisions relating to the independence of their own country. They fully recognise that this makes an immediate difference to the balance of power between themselves and

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EDUCATION AND OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE
JEGASE AND SEHO CLANS OF SIVEPE COMPARED -
ADULT MALES ONLY

Approximate Period	Education		Occupational Experience	
	Seho	Jegase	Seho	Jegase
Nil	6	6	4	5
1 year	—	1	1	2
2 years	—	2	—	—
3 years	—	1	—	—
4 years	—	2	—	2
5 years	—	—	—	1
6 years	—	1	—	—
7 years	—	—	—	—
8 years	—	—	—	—
Over 8 years	—	—	—	4
Data vague	2	1	2	—
Total	8	14	8	14